

Jesus Curriculum

Lesson 6

John 5:39-40; 14:6; 17:3

Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:27-28

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What is the Gospel?

Introduction

Jesus turned around all that the Pharisees and Sadducees had thought and believed. Putting ourselves in their shoes, I often wonder how I would react if everything I believed and taught were turned upside down. I hope I would have the humility to reorient myself around the truth.

The Bible says that God is the same yesterday, today and forever, yet the truths Jesus professed seemed radically different from the Jewish leaders who lived by their old creeds. They waited for a messiah their entire lives, even retelling Old Testament prophecies of the coming Messiah every Sabbath, yet they failed to see that Messiah when He came.

Jesus told them the truth, and the religious leaders took it as blasphemy and sought to kill Him. It is so easy to get caught up in the rules of Christianity and forget that it is about a relationship with God and displaying the truths and disciplines of Jesus' life and ministry with others. Jesus' words to the leaders should be a compass for you to hold to get an accurate reading of your direction. Are you heading toward a life like the Pharisees, or are you following Jesus, and letting His words change you and shape how you view the world?

Memory verse: "To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."—Colossians 1:27

Pray and read John 5:39-40, 14:6, 17:3; Galatians 2:20; Colossians 1:27-28.

What questions or observations do you have about these passages?

What do the passages say?

1. What did Jesus say was the reason the Jewish leaders studied the Scriptures? (John 5:39)
2. What did Jesus claim about who He is? (John 14:6)
3. What does Jesus say about Himself concerning the Father? (John 14:6)
4. Finish this sentence: “Now this is _____
_____: that they know you, the only true
_____, and Jesus Christ, whom you have
_____.” (John 17:3)
5. Among whom does God make known the glorious riches of Christ? (Colossians 1:27)
6. In what state does Paul want to present everyone in Christ? (Colossians 1:28)
7. Who is it that no longer lives once they have been crucified with Christ? (Galatians 2:20)

4. Why is it important to know Jesus' ministry and His words? (Luke 8:38-39; James 4:8-10)

Applying the passages

1. It is easy to answer the question of why Jesus died for us, but have you ever considered why Jesus lived in the first place? What do you think is the purpose of Jesus' earthly ministry, and what can you personally change in your life to follow Jesus better?

